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Education Governance Meeting Schedule Announced

MONTPELIER – The Vermont Department of Education today released the schedule of meetings designed to gather statewide public input on the future of education governance in Vermont.

The 30 meetings, facilitated by consultants Robin Scheu and George Appenzeller, are part of a year-long public engagement process initiated by Education Commissioner Richard H. Cate. In May 2006 Cate released a white paper entitled *The Governance of Education in Vermont – 1777 to 2006*, which outlines the history of Vermont's education governance structure. It addresses several concerns about education in Vermont, including the cost and quality of education, stagnant student enrollment and a short supply of school leader candidates. In addition, it outlines one model for redesigning education governance in the state.

"I want to encourage all Vermonters to participate in the discussion on this important topic," said Cate. "This affects our students and all the people of this state."

All meetings will be held in local schools in areas that represent a variety of population, geographic and education governance structures. At each meeting, facilitators and department staff will explain the current education governance structures, both statewide and in that particular area. The citizens who attend the meetings will participate in small group discussions responding to the following questions:

- What are the most important results that you want from our education system?
- How does the current education governance structure affect our ability to achieve those results?
- What elements of an education governance structure could help us achieve those results?

Following those meetings, the facilitators will report their findings to the commissioner. This public engagement process, which concludes in May, will culminate in a final detailed report on what the people of Vermont say they want from the state's education system. This report will inform the commissioner's recommendations to the State Board, the Legislature and the Governor.

For those unable to make one of the [30 meetings](#), public comment can also be sent to governance@list.education.state.vt.us, via FAX at (802) 828-3140 or via postal mail at Education Governance Public Comment c/o Jill Remick, Vermont Department of Education, 120 State Street, 4th Floor, Montpelier, VT 05620-2501.

For more information, visit the department's Education Governance Web page at <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/dept/governance.html>. In addition to the schedules, this site also links to the commissioner's white paper, a two-page primer on Vermont's education governance system, and other related resources.

**DOE EDUCATION GOVERNANCE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT
SITE MEETINGS**

NOTE: ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

DATE	SITE	FACILITY
January 16	Bradford (SU 27)	Oxbow High School Cafeteria
January 24	Enosburg Falls (SU 20)	Enosburg Falls Middle/High School Cafeteria
January 29	Ludlow (SU 39)	Ludlow Elementary School Multipurpose Room
January 30	Burlington (SD 15)	Burlington High School Cafeteria
February 6	St. Johnsbury (SD 11)	St. Johnsbury School
February 7	Fair Haven (SU 04)	Fair Haven High School Library
February 7	Grand Isle (SU 24)	Grande Isle School Cafeteria
February 12	Springfield (SD 56)	Springfield High School UVM Room
February 13	Hinesburg (SU 14)	Champlain Valley Union High School Cafeteria
March 7	Jamaica (SU 46)	Jamaica Village School Cafeteria
March 7	Hardwick (SU 35)	Hazen Union Cafeteria
March 8	Waterbury (SU 42)	Crossett Brook Middle School Cafeteria, Duxbury
March 12	Newport (SU 31)	North Country Union High School Library
March 13	Middlebury (SU 03)	Middlebury Union High School Cafeteria
March 19	Brighton (SU 31)	Brighton Elementary Gymnasium
March 21	Rutland (SU 37 & SD 40)	Rutland High School Cafeteria
March 27	Bennington (SU 05)	Mt. Anthony Union Middle School Cafeteria
March 28	Woodstock (SU 51)	Woodstock Union High School Cafeteria
April 3	Barre (SU 61)	Spaulding High School Library
April 4	Manchester (SU 06)	Manchester Middle and Elementary School Multipurpose Room
April 5	St. Albans (SU 23)	St. Albans Town Education Center Cafeteria
April 9	Canaan (SU 19)	Canaan Elementary Multipurpose Room
April 9	Wilmington (SU 49)	Twin Valley High School Cafeteria
April 11	Vergennes (SU 02)	Vergennes Union High School Library and Media Facility
April 25	Warren (SU 42)	Warren School Cafeteria
April 30	Lowell (SU 31)	Lowell Elementary School Cafeteria
May 1	Hartford (SD 54)	Hartford High School Cafeteria
May 7	Brattleboro (SU 48)	Brattleboro Union High School (room TBD)
May 14	Hyde Park (SU 25)	Lamoille Union High School Cafeteria
(TBD)*	Randolph (SU 28)	Randolph Union High School Cafeteria
(TBD)*	Bradford (SU 27)	(TBD)*

* These dates and locations will be updated when they become available.